April, 1984. According to provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, the rate of royalty can not be enhanced in less than three years. The rate of royalty also can not exceed 20 per cent of the sale price of crude oil at the oil fields or the oil well-head. The present rate of royalty, calculated as a percentage of the basic price received by the producing companies, is close to this limit of 20 per cent.

(b) and (c) All amounts due to the State Governments on account of current rate of royalty are being paid regularly.

Public sector investment in Gujarat

1241. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no public sector investment has been made in Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) what is the total public sector investments in different States in the country uptill June 1988, State-wise;

(c) what is the criteria for public sector investments in different parts of the country; and

(d) what are the reasons for denying central public sector Projects to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) State-wise public sector investments as on 31-3-1987, upto which date only information is available is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) Central investments in different parts of the Country are made taking into consideration the techno-economic viability of projects while keeping in view the need for overall balanced regional development.

(d) Gujarat has not been denied Central Public Sector projects.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of State/ Union Territory	Gross Block (as on 31-3-1987)
Andhra Pradesh	6761.52
Assam	3808.72
Bihar	6969.20
Gujarat	3197.79
Himachal Pradesh	527.43
Haryana	649.69
Jammu & Kashmir	117.84
Karnataka	1721.52
Kerala	1074.44
Madhya Pradesh	8571.69
Maharashtra	10905.09
Manipur	139.68
Meghalaya	4.27
Nagaland	78.17
Orissa	4637.65
Punjab	641.02
Rajasthan	786.95
Sikkim	0.55
Tamil Nadu	3018.82
Tripura	160.83
Uttar Pradesh	3913.96
West Bengal	4524.94
Chandigarh	4.06
Andaman & Nicobar	9.89
Delhi	1928.48
Goa	35.27
Pondicherry	8.53
Others & Unallocated	3859.87
TOTAL :	68051.87

Proposals to set up more refineries

1242. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some more Refineries for refining the increasing imports of crude from foreign countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?